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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

October 11, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: National Photographic Interpretation Center
(Recommendation No. 18 of the October 4, 1961
Report to the President by the President's Foreign
Intelligence Advisory Board)

In its report to the President on October 4, 1961, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board recommended that the Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board explore the possibility of accelerating the time when the National Photographic Interpretation Center is to become operational [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Enclosed herewith for your information is an excerpt on the subject from the Board's report of October 4, 1961.

The President has approved the Board's recommendation and has requested that a report thereon be furnished to this office and to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board by October 23, 1961.

s/

McGeorge Bundy

Enclosure

cc: The President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
(Attention: Mr. J. Patrick Coyne)

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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

In view of recent substantial increases in the volume of significant photographic intelligence data available to the intelligence community and of additional increases expected in such acquisitions, we recommend that the Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board explore the possibility of accelerating the time when the National Photographic Interpretation Center is to become operational (now estimated in April 1963) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Because of space limitations in the quarters presently occupied by the Center, interference with the timely interpretation, analysis and reporting of the increased volume of photographic data is expected. It appears that such interference might be avoided by early occupancy of the more adequate and well-equipped spaces at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with a resulting increase in the rate, scope and timeliness of photographic intelligence products to serve national intelligence purposes."

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